

ABSTRACT

A device for handling blanks, comprises a blank pallet-receiving portion to be positioned downstream of a blank forming machine. The blank pallet-receiving
5 portion defines a plane substantially parallel with a blank-receiving surface on a pallet positioned on the blank-receiving portion. Support means is positioned adjacent the plane beyond at least one edge of the blank-receiving surface. The support means is operable to support a free edge region of a blank resting on the blank-receiving surface and which free edge region extends beyond the blank-receiving surface. The
10 support means is operable to be retracted when a predetermined number of blanks are present on the blank-receiving surface.